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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jay H. Pearce on the
4 occasion of his retirement from public broadcasting in
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Jay Pearce has worked in radio and television
7 broadcasting for almost 50 years, spanning stations in Texas,
8 Missouri, and Illinois; he has worked with public broadcasting
9 stations for more than half of his career; and

10 WHEREAS, For the last 11 years, Jay Pearce has served as
11 the CEO, general manager, and an on-air host for WVIK at
12 Augustana College; and

13 WHEREAS, During his time at WVIK, Jay Pearce has worked to
14 make the station a community leader by partnering with local
15 businesses on numerous projects, expanding programming, and
16 serving as an advocate for local news, art, and entertainment;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Jay Pearce has also worked to ensure that WVIK is
19 situated to face the difficulties of a new era by adapting the
20 station's portfolio for the digital age, which was further
21 highlighted when a station-produced podcast reached number two

1 in the national podcast rankings; and

2 WHEREAS, Jay Pearce has dedicated significant time to
3 training the next generation of journalists and broadcasters,
4 including teaching classes at Southern Illinois University and
5 the University of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Jay Pearce has also proven himself as a trusted
7 expert in his field and a respected member of his community; he
8 has served on several advisory and directory boards, including
9 NPR, the Illinois Broadcasters Association Foundation, the
10 Illinois Associated Press Broadcasters Association, the Quad
11 Cities Illinois Rotary Club, and the ONE Foundation of
12 Bettendorf, Iowa; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Jay H. Pearce on the occasion of his
16 retirement in public broadcasting from WVIK, commend his long
17 career in public broadcasting, and wish him the best in his
18 future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Jay Pearce as an expression of our esteem and
21 respect.